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For:

LIGHT BRANCHING APPARATUS AND OPTICAL COMMUNICATION

SYSTEM USING THE SAME

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.99 and pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant respectfully brings the following document listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. This reference was cited by the Examiner in the co-pending Application No. 09/802,986, in an Office Action dated September 9, 2005.

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